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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before the first Office Action in this CPA, please further amend this application as noted below:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claim 17:

--17. A method of generating a synthetic voiced speech waveform, said method comprising:

(a) storing data defining n-dimensional state space representations of plural voiced speech waveform portions, n being an integer having a value of at least three, in